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Served For 47 Years Town of Vernon

The town of Vernon held its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 6, and our good Northfield friend and neighbor, A. A. Dunklee, declined a re-election as the town treasurer after having served his community for 47 years. Mr. Dunklee is by far the community's leading citizen and is keenly interested in all of its activities. He continues to operate a large dairy farm and is vice-president of the Vermont Peoples National Bank in Brattleboro.

Mr. Dunklee's son, Ernest W. Dunklee, was chosen to succeed him. Other officials of the town elected were: Ernest W. Dunklee, moderator; Elwyn Miller, lister; Mrs. Martha Emery, auditor; Mrs. Aimie Beers, town clerk; Dwight Johnson, selectman; C. Elmer Scherlin, school director; R. Edgar Bruce, grand juror; J. Alfred Johnson, road commissioner; John Hamilton, town agent; H. E. Lane and Thurman Shippee, constables; Mrs. W. D. Johnson and R. C. Allen, Marsh Fund committee; R. Edgar Bruce, Memorial Day committee and Mrs. Ruth Eldridge, library trustee. The town voted no license for all liquors and also voted to pay transportation of students to Brattleboro High School.

Support The Symphony

The second of the series of concerts by the Pioneer Valley Symphony under the direction of Alexander Leslie was rendered in Greenfield Sunday afternoon, March 4, and attended by several music lovers from this town. It proved to be a most interesting program. Among the financial supporters, "Friends" from Northfield whose names appeared on the printed program were Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Hallam, Dr. and Mrs. William E. Park, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Moody and the Women's Litter Society of Mount Hermon.

The Vernon Home Must Augment Funds

The Vernon Home at South Vernon is filled to capacity and now houses some 21 persons. The home is an incorporated institution for retired Advent ministers and their wives as well as lay members of the denomination and A. A. Dunklee is treasurer. The home is not self-sustaining and each year an appeal has to be made for funds to help out. The endowment amounts to \$58,168.39 and the directors are anxious to increase this fund to \$100,000 in the coming year. A special collection will be taken at the South Vernon Church and other churches of the denomination soon. After a splendid service of three years, Mr and Mrs G. Edgar Grant, superintendent and matron, have tendered their resignations to become effective April 1 because of ill health and the directors hope by that time to have secured their successors. The Vernon Home is doing a fine work.

Hermon Employee Killed

William J. Guyette, age 51, died Sunday morning, March 4, after being struck by a truck driven by Howard E. Jillson of Turners Falls on Route 10 between Bernardston and Northfield. Guyette was a teamster employed at the Hermon School farm and was on his way home. Death was due to a fractured skull and was instant. Richard Hiller of the Northfield schools was called with State Police and he identified the victim.

In District Court Monday morning Jillson said he was on his way from Brattleboro to Turners Falls, had picked up two friends and they had stopped enroute and had some drinks. Four quarts of beer were found in his truck. He was found guilty of drunken driving, driving under the influence and driving to endanger to all of which he pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to a month in the House of Correction and fined \$100. Judge

Date Annual Dinner Historical Society

At the Bronson Inn on Saturday evening, March 24, at 7 o'clock will be held the annual dinner of the local Historical Society and members who desire to attend should make their reservations immediately with Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle of Glenwood Ave. Miss Elsie Scott, the president, will preside and the guest speaker will be Fred Alexander of Newtonville, who is an authority on Northfield history and compiler of the story of the Alexander family.

The president has announced that the centennial celebration of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society will be held in Boston this month and she has named Horace H. Morse to represent the local society as its delegate. Prof. Morse is of the Mount Hermon School faculty and head of its history department.

Corp. Charles Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Stevens, has enjoyed a furlough at his home. He has graduated as a flight mechanic in his training at Willow Run and will now go to Millville, N. Y.

Blassberg presided at the court session.

Guyette leaves a wife, living at Warren, Vt., a daughter and a son. He was born November 28, 1893, at Underhill, Vt.

Red Cross Campaign Meeting With Success

The effort to secure \$2500, which is the goal set for Northfield, is meeting with much encouragement and the responses have been generous. Committee members under the direction of George W. Carr, chairman, are continuing their personal visitations and hope to have their districts fully canvassed by March 20th. They are making daily reports to Mrs. Carr, who is serving as secretary for the committee and the totals thus far secured exceed last year's results at the same time.

If any person has been overlooked or if any citizen is absent from the town, a contribution may be sent to Mr. Carr by mail, addressed to Northfield, Mass. The campaign will be concluded throughout the nation on March 24 and it is hoped to reveal the final amounts secured at that time. Report is that the solicitation is going well in all towns throughout the county and that the county's quota will also be realized.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Amsden, former residents of South Vernon, who have been residing in Chicopee Falls, have removed to Holyoke.

Northfield Grange will confer the first and second degrees upon a class of candidates for membership at its meeting on Tuesday evening, March 27.

South Vernon Soldier Missing In Action

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zaluzny of South Vernon have received information that their son, Pvt. Walter Zaluzny, who has been in service on the "western front," has been missing since February 10. Private Zaluzny began army service in June, 1944, after having received his training at Fort McClellan, Ala. When sent abroad, he went to Italy and last December was transferred to France. He graduated from Brattleboro High School in 1943 and afterward worked with his father on their farm and for a time at the Vernon dam. He has two brothers in the Army Air Forces in England.

7th War Loan Drive

From Washington comes the announcement by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., that the Seventh War Loan Drive will start on Monday, May 14, and will continue for seven weeks instead of the usual four weeks as prevailed in previous campaigns. The goal for the forthcoming drive will be \$14,000,000,000 the same as last time, but it is expected that fully half of the amount will be expected from individuals. It is expected that every community in the nation will be organized for the effort and Northfield will have its committee to carry out the work of publicity and solicitation.

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Mount Hermon Clubs Meeting

Another series of meetings of Mount Hermon clubs is now in session about the country and Gaylord Douglass, alumni secretary, will be in attendance at each of them. The first was held at Bridgeport, Conn., at the University Club on March 7. March 8th the New York City club met at the Riverside Church and the guest speaker was Headmaster Howard Rubendall. The schedule also includes on March 9 at Baltimore; March 12 at Washington at the Roger Smith Hotel when former Headmaster David R. Porter as guest speaker; March 13 at Bethlehem, Pa., at the Lehigh Valley Club; March 15 at Philadelphia; March 16 at New Haven at the Graduates Club and on March 26 at Springfield.

"Gentlemen's Night"

The Ladies' Literary Society of Mount Hermon enlivened their regular meeting Thursday evening, March 8, at Social Hall when they presented a play entitled 'School For Husbands' by Moliere for the entertainment of their members and a large number of guests. It was "gentlemen's night" and a goodly number were present. The cast consisted of the following faculty members: Gordon Pyper, Howard Niblock, Hope Campbell and Helen Iverson. Piano selections were by Mrs. Tennery, "make-up" by Florence MacDonald and scenery by Ina Bassette. Refreshments were served and a social time followed.

Town Topics

The scheduled meeting of the Fortnightly Friday afternoon, March 10, at Alexander Hall will hear a most interesting talk on "Birds" by a representative of the State Audubon Society, Alexander Hall. A social tea will follow the program.

The Girl Scout party held in Town Hall Saturday evening, March 8, proved to be very entertaining and about 40 boys and girls engaged in dancing and the playing of games. The hall was attractively decorated. Refreshments were served.

Hotel Brooks at Brattleboro, frequently visited by local folks, is to have a new manager. He is James E. Sullivan, formerly of the Copley Square Hotel in Boston. Lear J. Dutton, the present manager, has resigned to accept another appointment. Mr. Dutton proved himself very courteous to local patrons.

The telephone number of Morgan's independent grocery and market, formerly the IGA store at Luman A. Barber is 387. We mention this in order to correct an error in an advertisement.

The spring vacation of the Northfield School for Girls will be from March 23 to April 3 and that of Mount Hermon School from March 16 to April 5.

Mrs. Cleland Cochrane has been substituting as teacher at the high school in the home economics department.

The farm census will be taken hereabouts by L. M. Hammond who has begun making his visits.

Pvt. Lawrence B. Underwood, Jr., of South Vernon, who left for overseas in November last and has seen service in Italy, is reported now to be in France.

Pvt. Leland Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Lawrence, who has been at his home for a short leave, is stationed at Fort Meade, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aldrich of South Vernon have received word that their son, Corp Alfred Aldrich, was slightly wounded with the troops fighting in Germany. However, he has since returned to duty.

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